[*English*]

Survey for Oil in Karnataka

2828. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil companies have surveyed the oil points near Karwar and Manglore coast in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the progress made and the future programme to develop these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Based on geophysical surveys, ONGC drilled one well in 1979 and M/s. Shell India two wells in 1989-90, all of which were dry. These offshore blocks are proposed to be include in the Fourth round for exploration.

Availability of wagons for Kerala

2829. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate number of goods wagons are not available in Kerala; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for allotment of additional wagons for booking goods to destinations out of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There is no shortage of wagons in Kerala area as such. However, to meet the increasing demand of core sector, piecemeal wagons are being formed into block rakes to lift more traffic in foodgrains, fertilizer; cement etc. As a result in the case of piecemeal demands, there is certain time lag between the registration of demand and supply of wagons.

[*Translation*]

Overbridge in Pilibhit

2830. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to construct an overbridge on Pilibhit railway station in Uttar Pradesh in view of high density of traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One foot-overbridge already exists at Pilibhit Railway Station.

[*English*]

Management of ITDC Hotels

2831. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Steps to nurse sick hotels" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the July 19, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the ITDC management needs immediate change and restructuring of the whole managerial system from the top level which have most of the inexperienced people to run the industry;

(c) whether the three named hotels in the news item are located in the premier